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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

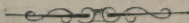
OF THE

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD,

From Feb. 20th, 1864, to Feb. 20th, 1865.

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



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Receipts and Expenditures.

FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1865,

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECTMEN, DR.

State and County Taxes.

To Paid Treasurer of State, Tax,	1525 00
County Treasurer, Tax,	923 54
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	\$2448 54

To Paid the Several School Districts:

District No. 1	Isaac N. Fellows,	98 05
" 2	Alvah H. Sawyer,	121 95
" 3	Peter Cook,	74 75
" 4	Jeremiah Ricker,	52 00
" 5	Abial W. Sibley,	71 50
" 6	Alfred G. Young,	66 62
" 7	Alpheus Nutter,	48 26
" 8	Thomas J. Dearborn,	60 67
" 9	John L. Swinerton,	116 51
" 10	Nathan J. Weeks,	48 29
" 11	Hiram B. Waldron,	26 79
	Tyler R. Neal, Edmund B. Tebbetts School money,	1 26

Whole amount paid the several School Districts \$686 65

For Support of Paupers at Alms House for year ending Feb. 20, 1865.

Paid Peter Cook, in part, for services of self and wife on Town Farm, and for support of inmates,	425 91
do. for 20 cords of wood,	10 00
do. For board of Nancy Edgerly 30 1-2 weeks,	30 50
do. For board of Eliza Nutter 34 weeks,	34 00
do. For 6 yds sheeting for Eliza Nutter,	4 20
do. For 1 pair stockings,	0 70

Amount paid for support of Paupers at Almshouse, \$505 31

For Paupers Away from Alms House.

Paid Town of Wolfborough, for support of Charles Kimball and Mariah Pickering and families,	249 59
William Powell, for support rendered Thomas Young, from Feb. 20th, 1864, to Oct. 13th, including burial expenses,	38 61
Sally Allen, for supporting child of Benjamin Allen 1 year from Feb. 20th, 1864,	26 00
Paulina Corson, for support of child of Simpson P. Nutter, from Feb. 20th, 1864, to Feb. 20th, 1865,	24 15
S. S. Parker, for support of A. Wentworth.	25 00
David Smith, for board of Eliza Nutter,	2 00
J. W. Sanborn, for board of Nancy Edgerly,	13 00
Abigail Philbrick, for boarding and nursing child of John S. Philbrick, 7 weeks,	10 00
Ebenezer Garvin, for cash furnished Nancy Edgerly for shoes, and fare to Rochester, N.H.	8 00
J. P. Brancroft, for support of Ann Connolly 9 months a county pauper,	131 34
J. P. Brancroft, for support of Harriet S. Cook,	48 25
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Whole amount paid for support of paupers away from Alms House,	\$444 60

For Repairing Roads and Bridges.

Paid Noah Horn, for 50 ft hard pine plank, and repairing bridge in district No. 7,	2 50
Luther G. Cate, for 2872 ft plank and stringers for Moulton bridge,	40 32
do. for 342 ft plank for Allen Bridge,	4 10
do. for 5635 ft plank and stringers for bridge at Union,	98 78
do. For sawing 457 plank logs for stringers,	2 28
Daniel Brackett, for 558 ft bridge plank,	5 58
Hiram R. Waldron for 1000 ft bridge plank,	12 00
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Whole amount paid for repairing roads and bridges, \$165 56

OUTSTANDING BILLS

Paid, due prior to Feb. 20, 1864.

Paid Dover Bank, in full, for note and interest,	1500 25
Gt. Falls Bank, note and interest,	5046 75
Stephen Toppan, in part of note due him,	1000 00
Dorcas M. E. Young, in full of note,	272 00
Robert H. Pike, in part of note in favor of Trueworthy L. Moulton,	175 00
James E. Berry, in full for note and interest,	221 90
Nancy B. Cummings, for note and interest,	159 46
Peter Cook, balance of services on Town Farm,	100 00
Jacob B. Stevens, in part of note payable to John G. Sanborn or order,	100 00
J. E. Farwell, & Co. for printing Town Reports,	88 40
Noah Horn, for lumber and repairing bridge in District No. 7,	3 50
Samuel Allen, in part of note due Francis Peters, or order,	18 75
Amasa Copp, for use of money,	1 50
John W. Sanborn, in full for note,	319 00
Abby P. Bennett, administratrix of the Estate of George P. Bennett,	30 00
Charles Hooper, in part of note payable to Hiram H. Farnham,	100 00
Joseph B. Wiggin, in part of notes due him,	96 00

To Paid Daniel Brackett, for the following Abatements for
the year 1862.

Noah M. Allen,	1 93	Eliza Brown,	1 20
Joseph W. Burnham,	73	Robert McDaniels,	2 32
Newton C. Farnham,	1 93	John H. Glidden,	46
Benjamin Hobbs,	1 93	Josiah P. Hobbs, Newfield,	46
Jonathan Hodgdon,	47	James Horn,	1 93
George H. Jenness,	1 93	William Lee,	1 93
Gilman C. Moulton,	1 07	Joseph Perry,	1 93
Joseph Plumer, Milton,	2 61	John A. Plummer,	1 93
Edward C. Piper, jr.	1 93	Hosea Reynolds,	1 93

Mark Wiggin,	1 93	William H. Allen,	1 93
Jos. Pike, in Brookfield	1 93	John R. Brown, in Mass.	1 93
Gore of land formerly occupied by Sam'l Perkins,			98

37 26

To Paid Isaac T. Clark, for the following Abatements for the year 1863.

Josiah Allen, pd.	2 75	C. E. Ames, pd. in Mass.	2 75
J. F. Brackett, in Mass.	2 75	D. R. Carter, pd in Me.	2 75
James A. Chesley,	2 75	Robert A. Cook,	3 25
Daniel S. Davis,	2 75	Henry O. Dearborn,	2 75
Gilman Davis, dead,	2 75	Newton C. Farnham,	2 75
John H. Glidden,	3 48	J. D. Hutchins, Wolfbor'	4 55
Edward W. Junkins,	2 75	W. H. Lane, Farmington,	2 75
William McCrillis,	2 75	Robert McDaniels,	3 35
J. S. Nason, pd. in Mass.	2 75	Joseph Perry,	2 75
George H. Smith,	09	George W. Titcomb,	2 75
H. R. Waldron, er in ass't	100	John D. Waldron, jr.	2 75
E. Wentworth, pd. Mass	2 75	Edward West, dead,	2 72
Sally Watson,	57	James C. Perkins,	2 29
Alonzo Poor, dead,	2 75		

\$70 83

Abatements on the List for the year 1860, as follows :

Robert S. Corson,	1 54	Lorenzo D. Lane, dead,	1 54
George W. Brown,	1 54	John W. Libby,	1 54

\$6 16

To Paid Daniel Brackett, Non-resident Highway Taxes for the year 1862.

For Lot formerly taxed to Nathaniel H. Cook,	1 47
Part of Colby farm,	1 68
Joseph Page, Milton,	26
Gore of land adjoining East Pond,	98
Rosanna Pike,	1 60
James Jewett lot,	1 05
Simon F. & Martin Hayes,	2 52
Charles Archibald lot,	34

Paid John M. Ames, for 526 ft. bribe plank for District No. 26	3 68
Avery H. Gilman, for labor in District No. 29	1 25
David W. Libbey, for repairing bridge,	81
John J. Horn, for repairing bridge in District No 7	2 00
George H. Wiggin, for expense, of Selectmen and Auditors for 1862,	2 33
George H. Wiggin, for expenses of Selectmen and Auditors for 1863,	1 68
George L. Wentworth, note and interest,	41 75
Jeremiah C. Buck, medical attendance for Frederick Waldron's wife,	14 75
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Whole amount paid on outstanding bills,	\$9424 91

STATE AND TOWN BOUNTIES

Paid since March 8, 1864, as follows for Soldiers :

Josiah H. Hobbs,	300	George F. Hobbs,	300
Albert H. Sanborn,	300	Charles A. Wentworth,	300
Horace H. Moulton,	150	George Gage,	300
Samuel W. Roberts,	300	Charles H. Smith,	300
Josiah P. Wiggin,	300	Washington Libbey,	300
Daniel P. Horne,	300	Richard F. D. Sibley,	300
Mark N. Sibley, jr.	300	Jacob B. Mitchell,	300
Jacob B. Stevens,	300	Daniel Brackett,	300
Henry H. Gilman,	300	Luther G. Cate,	300
John E. Applebee,	300	Hanson P. Gilman,	300
John C. Philbrick,	300	George Moulton,	300
John G. Stevens,	300	Francis H. Mills,	300
Jonathan B. Stevens,	300	George H. Gage,	300
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	\$37 50		\$39 00

Paid Thomas Stuart, for three Volunteers,	825 00
John T. Adams,	250 00
Union Volunteer Co. for three Volunteers,	1500 00
Oliver L. Allen,	554 00
Wentworth, Hull & Co. for one Volunteer,	300 00

Paid George A. Beacham, note and interest, for bounty, 306 00
 State bounty, for seventeen 3-years Volunteers, 5100 00
 Joseph Q. Boles, State and town bounty for one
 3-years Volunteer, 600 00

\$17085 00

Paid Ebenezer Garvin, trip to Concord, in March, to
 collect bounty money, including expenses, 800
 do Trip to Boston, in August, to hire money to
 pay town bounties to soldiers, 6 00
 do Car fare and hotel bill, 10 40
 do In Sept. and Oct. 12 days at Portsmouth, to
 procure substitutes, 24 00
 do Car fare, five trips, and hotel bill, 31 10
 do In Nov. trip to Dover, and Concord, four days, 8 00
 do Car fare 5 40, hotel bill, 7 00, 12 40
 do Feb. 7th, 1865, trip to Portsmouth, 4 00
 do Car fare and hotel bill, 5 90

\$109 80

Whole amount paid to and for soldiers, since March 8,
 1864, including expenses of obtaining
 money for the same, &c. \$17194 80

Amount paid to families of volunteers, \$789 57

MINISTERIAL FUND

Paid the several Religious Societies for 1863.

Paid Samuel H. Smith, 17 91 Isaac N. Fellows, 17 91
 Hiram P. Manson, 5 97

Whole amount paid the religious societies, \$41 79

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Paid for the year ending Feb. 20th, 1865.

Paid Somersworth Savings Bank, 2013 50
 Margaret Ellis, in part of note due her, 100 20
 Hannah J. Abbott, in part of note, 180 65

Paid Pine River Bank, interest on two notes,	123 10
Amasa Copp, note and interest,	202 50
William Conn, for exchanging U. S. money, for bank bills,	30 00
Amasa Copp, interest on 800 dollars, six months,	24 00
Edwin A. Hills, for printing Check List,	10 15
William A. Maleham, for repairing Town House,	6 13
Thomas J. Dearborn, for watering place,	3 00
John W. Mathes, for watering place,	3 00
Isaac T. Clark, Town Farm tax, for 1864,	11 01
Samuel H. Smith, for lamp, kerosene and paper,	3 27
John H. Buzzell, for stationery,	2 98
Alpheus Wiggin, for setting stone post, between Wakefield and Milton,	50
James Berry, for running line between Wakefield and Milton,	1 00
Moses B. Canney, express bill,	1 00
Daniel Lothrop, bill for stationery,	75
John C. Philbrick, for money paid Daniel Mar- tin, and Levi Smith, for running town lines,	2 75
Samuel W. Roberts, for medical services,	5 75
Isaac T. Clark, non resident highway taxes of Charles E. Archibald, Joseph Page, and Albert A. Perkins,	1 92
Ebenezer Garvin, for three days running town lines, and making returns to Town Clerk,	6 00
George Gage, for stationery,	65
George Gage, for Revenue stamps,	2 50
G. Parker Lyon, for Revenue stamps,	11 00
Elijah Wadleigh, for Revenue stamps,	3 50
Charles Chesley, for Telegram, &c., relative to Oliver L. Allen,	1 62
Hiram Paul, for serving writ, Town of Wakefield vs. Warren Nutter,	3 76
John C. Philbrick, for two days perambulating town lines.	4 00
John Gilman, for furnishing watering place for 1863 and 1864,	6 00
Stephen D. Hutchins, John Gerry's non resident highway tax	48
Charles Moulton, Enoch W. Plummer's " " tax.	1 62

Paid Ebenezer Garvin, for 146 20, being the amount declared due him, on Feb 18th of 1863, and one year's interest,	154 97
J.W. Sanborn, for the use of \$1200, eight months,	48 00
Gt. Falls Bank,	2000 00
Horace H. Moulton, State bounty,	100 00
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	\$5071 26

TOWN OFFICERS,

Paid for Services as follows :

Paid Frederick A. Copp, services as Sup. School Com.	35 00
Ebenezer Garvin, Treasurer,	5 00
Geo. H. Wiggin, services as Town Clerk,	28 26
Paid Ebenezer Garvin, for services as one of the Selectmen, as follows :	
Feb. 1864, Trip to Union with reports,	1 00
March 12, 1-2 day at office,	1 00
16, One day with horse to procure money to pay note at Dover Bank,	
19, Drawing warrant for Town meeting and posting copies,	1 00
April, Ten days taking inventory, and making taxes,	20 00
Two days making school house taxes, for Dis. No. 1, 6 and 9,	4 00
Returning Inventories of 1863-4, to Sec. of State,	2 00
Recording Boundaries of highway Districts,	2 00
Recording Inventory and tax list.	5 00
Copying Inventory and taxes of School District No. 1, 6 and 9,	3 00
June 8-9. Two days at Wolfborough, and Ossipee, to hire money,	4 00
13, Posting notices for Town meeting, Apportioning school money, &c.	2 50
29, 1-2 day at office,	1 00
August, Trip to Brookfield, to hire money,	1 00
20, Posting notices on school houses, for Town meeting,	2 00
26, One day at office, and North part of Town,	2 00

Sept. 9, Carrying Nancy Edgerly to Almshouse,	1 25
21, Trip to Isaac T. Clark's after money,	1 00
25, Trip to North part of Town,	2 00
Oct. 12, One day to Gt. Falls, to obtain extension of payment of notes,	2 00
Car fare,	1 50
Notifying adjoining Towns to perambulate Town lines,	1 50
17, Posting notices and check list for Nov. election,	2 00
23, Trip to Almshouse,	1 00
Dec. Making copy for check list and revising Jury list,	2 00
Feb. 1865, Settling Town bills, and preparing same for publication,	10 00
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	\$79 25

Paid Andrew J. Hayes, for services as one of the Select-
men, as follows :

March, 12, 1864, One half day at office,	1 00
17, Posting notices for Town meeting,	1 00
Eight days taking Inventory and making taxes,	16 00
One day at office,	2 00
April 30, One half day at office.	1 00
Trip to Concord, to enlist a soldier,	4 00
Car fare and hotel bill,	8 55
May 7, Distributing Surveyor's list, &c.	4 00
Trip to Isaac T. Clark's,	2 00
June 13, Posting notices for Town meeting,	1 00
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	\$40 55

Paid John C. Philbrick, for services as one of the
Selectmen, as follows :

March 12, One half day at office.	1 00
Nine days taking Inventory and making taxes,	18 00
April 14, One half day at office,	1 00
One day on school house taxes,	2 00
30, One half day at office,	1 00
May 5, One half day at office,	1 00
11 Three quarters day on Surveyors lists,	1 50
13 One day delivering lists to Surveyor's,	2 00

June 29, One half day at office,	1 00
30, Carrying pauper to Almshouse,	2 00
Aug. 4, One day at office,	2 00
8, Posting notices for Town meeting,	2 00
20, Posting notices for Town meeting,	2 00
22 Repairing bridges in District No. 6,	1 50
Oct. 21, One half day at office,	1 00
Dec. 1 Revising Jury list,	1 00
Jan, Trip to Garvin's on Town business,	1 00
Feb. 4, One half day at office,	1 00
Settling Town bills,	6 00
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	\$47 50
Whole amount paid for services of Town officers,	<hr/>
	\$235 51

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid State and County Taxes,	2448 54
Several Schoof Districts,	786 65
For Support of Paupers at Almshouse,	505 31
" " " not at Almshouse,	444 60
Amount for County Paupers,	131 34
For Roads and Bridges,	165 56
On outstanding bills,	9424 91
To soldiers as bounties in cash,	17194 80
To the several Religious Societies,	41 79
Miscellaneous bills,	5071 26
For Services of Town Officers,	235 51
State aid to families of Volunteers,	789 57
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Whole amount of expenditures.	\$37239 84

1864.	TOWN OF WAKEFIELD,	CR.
Feb. 23,	Rec'd of Frank J. Berry, on Town note,	326 00
24,	James Pickering, "	400 00
26,	Hiram H. Farnham, "	80 00
Mar. 16,	Abial W. Sibley, "	75 00
17,	Charles F. Nutter, "	200 00
28,	Hannah J. Abbott, "	1000 00
Apr. 7,	Wm. Sawyer, jr. inst. surp. rev. fund,	28 74
7,	Wm. Sawyer, jr., on Town note,	100 00
June 4,	Abby G. Hutchins, "	50 00
8,	Theophilus W. Lyford, "	800 00
8,	Mrs. Betsey Hutchins, "	100 00
8,	Pine River Bank, less dis. 6 mos.,	1939 00
9,	Jacob S. Adams, on Town note,	150 00
9,	Joseph L. Langley, "	200 00
9,	Andrew B. Tibbetts, "	500 00
11,	Thomas Cloutman, jr., "	75 00
11,	Richmond Richards, "	100 00
11,	Margaret Ellis, "	220 00
13,	Hanson P. Gilman, "	100 00
18,	Daniel Cloutman, "	125 00
18,	Thomas Cloutman, "	125 00
22,	John G. Sanborn, "	400 00
26,	Treasurer of State Literary fund,	110 56
29,	Martha Weeks, on Town note,	60 00
July 4,	Gt. Falls B'k, 4000 less dis. 6 mos.	3878 00
Aug. 13,	Hiram Paul, on Town note	300 00
18,	Augustus Connant, "	5000 00
Sept. 1,	Mrs. Betsey Hutchins, "	200 00
17,	Amasa Copp, "	200 00
24,	Jacob A. Chesley, "	200 00
24,	Ebenezer Fogg, "	500 00
Oct. 10,	Robert Moulton, "	40 00
21,	William Conn, "	1000 00
21,	Soms'h Savings' Bk. "	2000 00
21,	County of Carroll, "	340 00
22,	Amasa Copp, "	800 00
Nov. 9,	John W. Lang, "	185 00
9,	John Clark, "	100 00
9,	George A. Richards, "	50 00
28,	Hannah Cloutman, "	100 00

Dec. 3,	Amasa Copp, on State note,	1200 00
3,	John Clark, on Town note,	100 00
9,	Otis Wiswall, "	100 00
9,	John W. Sanborn, "	100 00
9,	Mrs. Mary Applebee, "	50 00
9,	Francis H. Mills, "	50 00
30,	Charles C. Richards, "	206 00
Jan. 24, 1865,	John Clark, "	100 00
24,	Richard F. D. Sibley, "	175 00
24,	Jonathan Gage, "	170 00
Feb. 1865,	Jacob S. Adams, "	100 00
	Treasurer of State aid furnished the	
	families of volunteers,	990 23
	Peter Sanborn, State bounties,	2000 00
	U. S. Government,	1178 00
	Isaac T. Clark in full, list 1860,	10 00
	William P. Burley in full, list 1861,	125 55
	Daniel Brackett in part, list 1862,	566 13
	Isaac T. Clark in part, list 1863,	627 37
	Isaac T. Clark in part, list 1864,	6115 33
	Peter Sanborn, for U. S. Gov., 2d in-	
	stall. bounty on 3 soldiers,	120 00
	J. G. Sanborn, in pt. State note,	1000 00

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD FOR LIABILITIES, DR.

Due the several School Districts for interest on school	
fund for the year 1865,	44 25
Several religious societies for interest on the min-	
isterial fund, for the years 1864-65,	107 64
Peter Cook, on fulfilling his contract April 14th,	
1865, as Superintendent of Town Farm,	
and support of paupers on farm,	174 09
Daniel Brackett, when he settles list of taxes, 1862,	18 00
Isaac T. Clark, when he settles list of taxes, 1863,	22 00
Joseph Maleham, or order, note and interest,	115 00
Gt. Falls Bank, note and interest,	2030 00
Pine River Bank, two notes on June 1st, 1865,	3000 00
Benjamin Witham, or order, note and interest,	172 12
Benj. C. Perkins, or order, on June 13th, 1865,	1080 00
Harriet A. Maleham, or order, on two notes,	530 00

Sally C Weeks, or order, note and interest,	149 37
Addie Wentworth, " " "	223 00
Samuel Yeaton, " " "	222 50
John Paul, " " "	333 50
Jacob S. Adams, or order, on note No. 1,	114 00
Lydia Gilman, or order, note and interest,	445 00
Charles Chesley, " " " "	222 00
Joseph B. Wiggin, or order, on note No. 1,	628 50
Otis Wiswall, or order, on note No. 1,	135 25
Hiram H. Farnham, or order, on note No. 1,	738 75
Elijah Horne, or order, on Town note,	537 33
On note payable to John G. Sanborn, or order,	435 00
Charles C. Richards, or order, on note No. 1,	108 50
Joseph B. Wiggin, or order, on note No. 2,	1018 33
Harrison Libby, or order, on Town note,	1062 00
Otis Wiswall, or order, on note No 2,	53 60
Robert H. Pike, or order, on Town note,	322 00
Joseph P. Gilman, or order, on Town note,	107 33
Hiram H. Farnham, or order, on Town note No. 2,	281 00
Nathan J. Weeks, or order, on Town note,	74 87
Joseph S. Hodgdon, " " "	53 40
Mrs. Mary Garland, " " "	53 40
Stephen Toppan, " " "	1133 50
Mrs. Patience Cook, " " "	106 50
Mrs. Sally M. Wiggin, " " "	532 50
Abby G. Hutchins, " " No. 1,	212 91
John F. Berry, or order, note and interest,	345 56
James Pickering, or order, on Town note,	424 00
Hiram H. Farnham, or order, on note No. 3,	85 00
Abial W. Sibley, or order, an Town note,	78 75
Charles F. Nutter, " " "	209 00
Hannah J. Abbott, " " "	859 35
William Sawyer, jr., " " "	105 40
Abby G. Hutchins, " " No. 2,	52 25
Theophilus W. Lyford, " " "	833 50
Mrs. Betsey Hutchins, " " No. 1,	104 25
Jacob S. Adams, on Town note No. 2,	156 75
Joseph L. Langley, or order, on Town note,	209 00
Andrew B. Tibbetts, " " "	520 20
Thomas Cloutman, jr., " " "	77 75
Richmond Richards, " " "	104 40

Margaret Ellis, or order, on Town note,	124 00
Hanson P. Gilman, " "	104 17
Daniel Cloutman, " "	130 00
Thomas Cloutman, " "	130 00
John G. Sanborn, " "	418 00
Martha C Weeks, " "	62 30
Augustus W. Conant, " "	5154 00
Hiram Paul, " "	309 37
Mrs. Betsey Hutchins, " " No. 2,	206 00
Jacob A. Chesley, " "	205 00
Ebenezer Fogg, " "	512 50
William Conn, " "	1022 00
Robert Moulton, " " " "	40 86
A. Copp, or order, on Town note on Apr. 22, '65,	800 00
John W. Lang, or order, on Town note,	188 00
John Clark, " " " " No. 1,	101 75
George A Richards " " " "	50 87
Mrs. Hannah Cloutman, " "	101 67
John Clark, on Town note No. 2,	101 30
Otis Wiswall, " " " " No. 3,	101 17
Chas. C. Richards, " " " " No. 2,	207 70
John W. Sanborn, or order, on Town note,	101 00
John Clark, " " " " No. 3,	100 50
Francis H. Mills, " " " "	50 80
Mrs. Mary Applebee, " " " "	50 80
Rich'd F. D. Sibley, " " " "	181 00
Jonathan Gage, " " " "	170 42
Jacob S. Adams, " " " " No. 2,	100 17
Isaac T. Clark, when he settles list of taxes for '64	24 50

Will be due on demand to the following persons named, or their orders, notes for bounties, as follows.

Gilman Davis,	229 00	Wm. K. Fellows,	119 00
Turner N. Seward,	144 00	Francis H. Peters,	153 00
Andrew J. Wentworth,	187 00	John E. Witham,	119 00
Cyrus Whitten,	80 00	James O. Applebee,	224 00
Daniel W. Emerson,	197 00	George P. Bennett,	504 00
Samuel F. Nute,	306 00	George F. Hobbs,	203 67
Albert H. Sanborn,	203 67	Horace H. Moulton,	153 00
John W. Sanborn,	304 00	John Doyle,	103 00

Mark Allen,	103 00	James A Tucker,	103 00
Alfred C. Moody,	103 00	Edward Townsend,	103 00
Andrew R. Gilman,	306 00	T. L. Moulton,	223 81
Whole amount due for bounties,			<u>\$4171 15</u>

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD BY MONEYS DUE, *CR.*

Due from Daniel Brackett on his list for 1862, exclusive of school-house taxes,	76 68
Wm. Sawyer, jr., for interest on surplus revenue fund for 1865,	28 74
County of Carroll for support of Co. paupers,	125 00
State, for aid furnished families of vols.	789 57
Owners Copp mill, in part, for repair'g bridge,	35 00
U. S. Government, for bounties,	4540 00
Isaac T. Clark, on his list of taxes for 1863, exclusive of school house taxes,	77 10
Isaac T. Clark, on his list of taxes for 1864, exclusive of school-house taxes,	1813 70
John G. Sanborn, on State note,	1032 00
State for one 3 years volunteer,	300 00
Ebenezer Garvin, Treasurer,	1 07
Whole amount moneys due the Town,	<u>\$8818 86</u>

Whole amount of Liabilities,	35803 11
Moneys due,	<u>8818 86</u>
Leaving a balance against the Town,	<u>\$26984 25</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted by the undersigned,

EBENEZER GARVIN, } *Selectmen of*
JOHN C. PHILBRICK, } *Wakefield.*

Whole amount received by the Town Treasurer from	
Feb. 18, 1864, to Feb. 20th, 1865,	37240 91
Amount paid out,	37239 84
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Showing a balance in the hands of Treasurer,	\$1 07

We, the subscribers, have this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen of the town of Wakefield, and report that we have found them correctly cast and well vouched.

Wakefield, N. H., Feb. 21st, 1865.

JOHN W. SANBORN, }
GEORGE H. GAGE, } *Auditors.*

LIST OF UNPAID MONEY TAXES

For the year 1862, together with the names of the delinquents
with their several delinquencies.

John Berry, Milton,	27	James A. Chesley,	1 93
Isaac Colomy, Newfield,	1 60	Heirs of James Dore,	1 73
Heirs of, James L. Dore,	61	John Dore,	49
Benjamin C. Fellows,	2 80	William Grantman,	1 93
John L. Gondy,	1 93	Thomas W. Hill,	1 20
John J. Horn,	93	Stephen D. Hutchins,	3 36
Henry D. Lane,	1 93	Samuel F. Lane,	1 93
J. L. Leighton, Newfield,	64	William H. Nichols,	1 93
John S. Philbrick,	1 93	Heirs of I. Small, Ossipee,	1 20
James A. Tucker,	1 93	Isaac Welch,	4 48
William E. Tucker,	1 93	Ezra Wentworth,	1 93
Stephen S. Wentworth,	2 00	W. H. Wentworth,	2 40
William H. Willey,	2 40	Josiah Allen,	1 93
Samuel B. Ames,	3 00	Oliver L. Allen, jr.	1 93

Whole amount unpaid, \$52 92

DANIEL BRACKETT, Collector for 1862.

List of Taxes unpaid for the year 1863, &c.

Mark I. Allen,	2 75	Sylvester L. Brown,	1 00	X
Benj. C. Fellows,	3 37	George G. Fellows,	2 75	
X Noah M. Allen,	1 75	Eleazer C. Colbath,	2 95	
John K. Fellows,	1 98	John L. Gondy,	2 75	X
John Gilman, 2d,	97	John J. Horn,	1 99	
Chesley Jeuness,	2 14	Charles Jones, Milton,	1 14	
Samuel F. Lane,	2 75	Thomas S. Libbey,	75	
George Moulton,	3 75	James C. Perkins,	47	
X Joseph Pray,	1 91	Amos S. Reed,	2 75	X
Heirs of I. Small, Ossipee,	1 72	Turner N. Seward,	2 75	

John W. Sibley,	2 75	James A. Tucker,	2 75
Wm. E. Tucker,	2 75	William H. Willey,	77
X John D. Waldron,	2 75	Isaac Welch,	7 66
Albert F. Wentworth,	2 75	Chas. W. Wentworth,	2 86
Stephen A. Wentworth,	2 75	George E. Wentworth,	2 75
Benjamin Witham,	4 21	Brown & Warren,	68

Whole amount unpaid, \$77 10

ISAAC T. CLARK, Collector for 1863.

Amount of money taxes unpaid for the year 1864, on
the 19th day of Feb. 1865, \$1813 70

ISAAC T. CLARK, Collector.

LIST OF SURVEYORS

Of Highways in Wakefield, with the Amount of Summer Highway Taxes remaining unpaid, and of the Delinquents in each District, with their respective Delinquencies.

Dist. No. 1, Charles Moulton, Surveyor.

All worked out.

2, Otis Wiswall, Surveyor.

Due from Otis Wiswall, 2 00

Josiah H. Hobbs, 1 00

\$3 00

3, Andrew Whettemore, Surveyor.

Due from Benjamin Cook, 3 28

4, Peter Cook, Surveyor.

Due from John A Cook, 1 00

William Powell, 88

James Garvin, 2 00

Daniel W. Emerson, 58

Adam Brown, 36

\$4 82

5, George H. Wiggin, Surveyor.

Due from George H. Wiggin, 10 65

Amasa Copp, 37 32

William K. Copp, 1 00

Heirs of Chas. Carter, 1 47

Joseph B. Tufts, 1 00

Elizabeth B. Wiggin, 2 60

Franklin S. Weeks, 1 00

E. C. Piper for parsonage, 1 26

Augustus W. Wiggin, 1 00

Enoch D. Yeaton, 1 06

\$58 36

Dist. No. 6, Jonathan M. Burley, Surveyor.	
Due from Nathaniel H. Cook,	1 50
7, Noah Horn, Surveyor.	
All worked out.	
8, Jeremiah Ricker, Surveyor.	
Due from George W. Haines,	97
9 Nahum Nason, Surveyor.	
Due from John Davis,	5 55
10, Brackett M. Weeks, Surveyor.	
Due from Gilbert M. Weeks,	1 00
Alpheus Weeks,	21
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	\$1 21
11, Jacob Ballard, Surveyor.	
Due from Jacob Leighton,	33
Sylvester L. Brown,	1 53
Amon S. Reed,	1 00
John D. Waldron,	1 00
John Horne,	1 18
John and Asa F. Horne,	1 39
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12, James L. Libbey, Surveyor.	
Due from James L. Libbey,	24
Chas. A. Libbey,	1 55
John Kimball,	2 56
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13, Alfred G. Young, Surveyor.	
All worked out.	
14, Joseph Spinney, Acting Surveyor.	
No return.	
15, Ira Hanson, Surveyor.	
Due from Samuel B. Ames,	2 57
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16, Joseph Bradey, Surveyor.	
All worked out.	

17, Alpheus Nutter, Surveyor.	
Due from Gilman P. Dore,	50
18, Calvin Sanborn, Surveyor.	
All worked out.	
19, Simon Fernald, Surveyor;	
All worked out.	
20, Ebenezer Garvin, Surveyor.	
Due from Ebenezer Garvin,	3 50
Nathan Libbey,	75
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	\$4 25
21, Josiah Wiggin, Surveyor.	
All worked out.	
22, Alpheus Wiggin, Surveyor,	
Due from Jeremiah F. Brackett,	1 00
Jonathan Berry, Milton,	15
Thomas S. Libbey,	58
Newton C. Farnham,	1 00
Frederick Waldron,	42
William W. Berry,	1 00
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23, Geo. F. Piper, Surveyor.	
All worked out.	
24, Hiram Paul, Acting Surveyor,	
Due from James A. Chesley,	1 00
Samuel F. Lane,	1 00
Geo. W. Sawyer,	1 00
Moses Ellis,	1 00
Geo. A. Ellis,	1 00
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	5 00
25, John Pickering, Surveyor.	
All worked out.	
26, Reuben L. Cooper, Surveyor.	
All worked out.	
27, John Gilman, Surveyor.	
All worked out.	

Dist. No. 28, David W. C. Wentworth, Surveyor.

Due from Mark H. Wentworth,	75
Nathaniel Gondy, Ossipee,	13

\$88

29, Albra Wentworth, Surveyor,

Due from John B. Bodwell,	1 18
George W. Came,	2 13
Timothy Conoly,	1 22
George W. Durrell,	1 00
Henry L. Corson,	1 00
John D. Eastman,	1 22
Stephen D. Hutchins,	1 79
Abby G. Hutchins,	63
Hiram L. Kelsey,	1 00
Albert Jenness,	1 00
Trueworthy L. Moulton,	1 85
Harrison D. Hobbs,	1 00
Charles Morgan,	1 00

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30, Charles F. Rines, Surveyor.

Due from James C. Perkins,	1 60
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31, Thomas J. Dearborn, Surveyor.

Due from Luther C. Perry,	3 75
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32, John Farnham, Acting Surveyor.

Due from Josiah N. Jones,	1 00
Hiram H. Farnham,	1 53
John W. Sibley,	1 00
Mark N. Sibley, jr.,	1 00
Abial W. Sibley,	1 00

\$5 53

ORDINARY EXPENSES FOR CURRENT YEAR.

Total amount of expenditures,	37239 84
Deduct State and County taxes,	2448 54
Literary fund,	110 56
County paupers,	131 34
Paid on outstanding bills,	9424 91
Town of Wolfborough,	249 59
Bounties to soldiers,	17194 80
Of notes in sundry bills,	4986 95
State aid for families of Vols.,	789 57
	<u>\$35336 26</u>
Ordinary expenses of the Town the current year,	\$1903 58

Expenses of Paupers chargeable to the Town, for the year ending February 20, 1865.

Salary of Supt., and for supp't paupers at Almshouse,	600 00
Peter Cook for support of Nancy Edgerly and Louisa	
Nutter, and for wood,	79 40
Paid for support of paupers not at Almshouse,	444 60
Interest on estimated value of Town farm,	60 00
	<u>\$1174 00</u>
Deduct one hundred and twenty dollars for support of James Quimby and Sally Hodgdon,	120 00
	<u>\$1054 00</u>

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

For balance due from Town as per foregoing accounts audited,	26984 25
Road bills,	40 00
Pauper bills,	50 00
Printing Town Report and abatements,	250 00
Outstanding or bills in the hands of the Treasurer not audited,	70 00
Showing actual indebtedness of the Town to be	<u>\$27394 25</u>

PAUPERS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Name.	Age.	Name.	Age.
Daniel Quimby,	79	Mehitable Quimby,	59
James Quimby,	70	Sally Hodgdon,	65
Nathaniel Burbank,	58	Mary Wentworth,	54
Asa Hutchins,	54	Louisa Nutter,	40

REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF
WAKEFIELD,
For the Year Ending Feb. 20, 1865.

To the Citizens of Wakefield:

In reporting again our educational progress for another year, and urging the claims which the subject demands, we can enforce the precept with no better commentary than that contained in a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of our State, and published in their seventeenth annual report: "That while we fully appreciate the burdens which war will bring, we yet are most deeply impressed with the necessity of still supporting well the public schools, which lie at the foundation of good morals, social order, and stable government; and this Rebellion teaches us the necessity of general education, and the dangers resulting from its neglect." It is true that the burdens which war has already brought upon us in the shape of double and triple taxes, are a matter of serious import for the present, and alarming anxiety for the future; still, the education of our youth demands no decreasing zeal, or diminished means of support, but rather greater interest, greater efforts, and greater sacrifices for its promotion. Our system of free schools has been well called the glory of the age, and the sheet anchor of our Republic; for upon its continuance and extension, depend the preservation of our free institutions, and the hopes of our national future. With-

out some system of popular education, no nation can long maintain its liberties. Intelligence is but another name for freedom, for only in ignorance can a race be kept in slavery. The history of all ages bears ample testimony to the truth of this assertion, and the weary workings of more than six thousand years have been constantly elaborating the great fact that "Knowledge is power." The intelligence of the people then, is the principal and perhaps only element of successful Democratical form of government, and the only stable basis upon which the well proportioned columns of civil liberty may reasonably be expected to stand. The first duty of every intelligent and patriotic citizen then, is an interest in the universal education of the people.

As private establishments for acquiring an education are of a tendency somewhat aristocratical, so are public institutions for the same purpose, of more democratic proclivities, and more in accordance with the spirit of our free institutions. Most New England cities and villages have sometime during their history imposingly boasted of their academies, of their select, or high, or fashionable boarding schools. But such institutions seem on the decline; and their places are being better supplied by those of a freer and more wholesome character. Far be it from my present purpose to depreciate the great intellectual and moral good that our colleges, academies and private seminaries of learning have been instrumental in effecting: still, the blindest observer cannot fail to discern, that public means of acquiring information are taking the place of private, and that some freer and fuller system of popular education is demanded by the progressive spirit of the age. Thus it is interesting to notice how our means of acquiring knowledge, have been gradually changed and improved to meet the increasing wants of a higher civilization. Most of our cities and even many of our larger villages have greatly increased the facilities for educational improvement, by grading their elementary establishments, and by instituting grammar and high schools, where the poor and rich, high and low mingle freely together in society, and are fitted equally side by side for the duties of private life or public station. The establishment of Agricultural Colleges is but a farther extension of the same free plan for a higher education of the people. Thus we see how carefully national wisdom has provided ample

means for educating our youthful generation for the highest walks of science.

But however great the educational advantages of our villages and cities, may be, the back country towns of New England are not so fortunate. Here the youth have to depend upon the common schools for their mental furnishings. The *district institution* is still the great agency for educating by far the larger portion of our people. To render this power more capable to fulfill its mission, has called forth the efforts of philanthropists and legislators. While most New England States have done much to improve their common schools, New Hampshire has done but little ; still, she has done something for the cause. Our great want at present is some way of fitting teachers for a better discharge of the duties of their avocation. They need to know *how* to teach, *what* they are to teach. In this consists the greatest defect of the teachers of our town. We have noticed their deficiencies in this respect in all years, but especially in this just past. Other causes than the faults of teachers have also had a disturbing influence. Sickness has increased the irregular attendance of some schools; a spirit of dissatisfaction that of others; still, notwithstanding these opposing forces, regularity and punctuality in our schools have gained much during the year just ended. All the schools except one, have completed their limited term of service; that still is in operation. The literary qualifications of some teachers, are very good, of none inferior. Some of the teachers though young and inexperienced, were very successful and gave good satisfaction. We give the usual statistics of the schools, and also as an encouragement to punctuality in attendance, we continue to publish the record of those who excel in this respect. The names of those only are mentioned whose attendance has been *perfectly constant*. *One single mark of tardiness*, has kept some names from the "Roll of Honor."

DISTRICT No. 1. (*Piper.*)

Summer School. Mary P. Hayes, teacher. Length 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 27 ; average attendance, 22 ; amount of absence 18½ per cent.; number visits of citizens, 14; of prudential committee, none : number perfect in regular attendance, 7, namely—Emma Fellows, Ella Downs, Betsey P.

Downs, Augusta F. Kimball, Sarah E. Piper, John F. Downs, Thomas J. Downs.

We had the honor of inspecting this school but once, and that near the commencement. Possibly we should have visited it again, had we been notified of its close. The teacher gives a good account of her labors, accredits good conduct and good improvement to her school. Unfortunately, "we did not see it in that light." The teacher appeared "to be taking it easy," and so did her pupils as for that. We thought the inclinations of most minds led in every direction but in the pursuit of knowledge. Her register was neatly and accurately kept.

Winter School. M. A. Wentworth, James W. Applebee, teachers. Length, $8\frac{1}{2}$ weeks ; whole number scholars, 27 ; average attendance, 24 ; amount of absence, 11 per cent ; number visits of citizens, 7 ; of prudential committee, none ; number perfect in regularity, none.

This was the only school in which a teacher felt compelled by *inside* or *outside* pressure, or both, to relinquish her task. How much the latter teacher accomplished in the two weeks that he had the management of affairs, we never took the trouble to ascertain. So short a time could ill redeem the wasted opportunities of the rest of the term. We have no comments to make in the matter. We might feel some charity for the citizens of this district, in such failures, were their own conduct in school matters always as it should be. In this district as in many others, those deriving most advantage from our system of free schools, and contributing the least to its support, are generally the most ready to disturb or destroy the usefulness of its operation. The register was poorly filled out.

DISTRICT No. 2. (*Corner.*)

Summer School. Ellen M. Wiggin. teacher. Length 12 weeks ; whole number scholars, 35 ; average attendance 30 ; amount of absence, 15 per cent. ; number visits of citizens, none ; of prudential committee, none ; number perfect in regularity, none. Many of the pupils appeared to be of very tender years and evidently just entered on the road to knowledge. This fact may account in part for the generally noisy

and uneasy condition of the school. How much information was acquired during the term, would be a difficult problem to determine, unless it was known how much had been forgotten. The examination of the school was little credit to the teacher or the taught. The register was not filled nor accurately kept.

Winter School. Lucie Cook, teacher. Length, 12 weeks; number scholars, 31; average attendance, 27; amount of absence, 13 per cent.; number visits of citizens, 12; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, 1, namely—Kate M. Paul.

The appearance of this institution of learning was highly satisfactory. The scholars are young in years, but still well advanced. The register was neatly and correctly kept.

DISTRICT No. 3. (*Pine River.*)

Summer School, (no winter school.) M. A. Wentworth, teacher. Length, 21 weeks; whole number scholars, 15; average attendance, 12; amount absence, 20 per cent.; number visits of citizens, 17; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, none. The teacher failed to report the length of her school, and as well as we can make it out from the register, we have ventured to record it as above. Some complaints were made touching the management of school exercises, but the appearance of the school was certainly good, and the progress made commendable. The register was not very well made out.

DISTRICT No. 4. (*Garvin.*)

Summer School. Parmelia Mullen, teacher. Length, 6 weeks; whole number scholars, 14; average attendance, 11; amount of absence, 21½ per cent.; number visits of citizens, 8; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, none. The teacher of this school is young, and new at the business of teaching. This was her first attempt, and fair success followed her efforts. She displayed a dignity and decision in the administration of affairs that generally has a wholesome effect over the workings of the school room. The school was much reduced in size, and perhaps in sympathy

with the place, presented a lonely and forsaken aspect. The cheerless appearance of the school, and the desolate and dilapidated condition of the school house, seemed strongly harmonious in keeping. The register in most respects was well made out.

Winter School. Ellen M. Wiggin, teacher. Length 8 weeks; whole number scholars, 21; average attendance, 16; amount of absence, 21 per cent.; number visits of citizens, none; of prudential committee, none; perfect in regularity, none. We found the school much increased from the summer examination, both in the number and age of its scholars; but its general appearance was restless and indolent. The teacher seemed perfectly indifferent to good order in her school-room, and easy as a satin slipper. Her pupils seemed as easy as their teacher. In fact there was nothing hard about or in the school except in the manner in which the scholars conducted their plays. While a few played hard most of the time, more played hard all the time. The school closed informally and prematurely. If it had closed sooner it would probably have been an improvement. The register was not filled out and not well kept.

DISTRICT No. 5. (*Oak Hill.*)

Summer School. Silas C. Wilson, teacher. Length 6 weeks; whole number scholars, 37; average attendance, 30; amount of absence, 19 per cent.; visits of citizens, 8; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, 3, namely—James D. Cloutman, Josiah N. Gerrish, Clara W. Sibley. The usual method seems to have been reversed in this district, a male teacher being allotted to the summer term, and a female to the winter; whether the winter teacher taught a man's school or not, we are inclined to the opinion that the summer school was a *woman's*. The appearance of the instruction was not very prepossessing. The register was hardly right.

Winter School. Jane Cook, teacher. Length, 8 weeks; whole number scholars, 29; average attendance, 20; amount of absence, 30 per cent.; number visits of citizens, 8; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, none. The attendance was much reduced and the operations of the

school were much disturbed by the various kinds of diseases so universally prevalent the present winter. The register was very well made out, but not strictly accurate in every point.

DISTRICT No. 6. (*Hill.*)

Summer School. Dollie P. Hill, teacher. Length, 7 weeks; whole number scholars, 17; average attendance, 14; amount of absence, $24\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; number visits of citizens, 4; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, 3, namely—George A. Young, Jane C. Ballard, Susan Hanson. This school was small and backward, but appeared to understand the subjects they were investigating. The teacher taught her pupils well; her greatest defect consists in prompting them too much, instead of letting them rely more upon their own power. The register was hardly in order.

Winter School. The same teacher. Length, 13 weeks; whole number scholars, 30; average attendance, 25; amount of absence, 17 per cent.; number visits of citizens, 4; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, 6, namely—Geo. A. Young, Franklin J. Hanson, Henry J. Wentworth, Orrin H. Wentworth, Frank Leighton, Ruth C. Young. This is the only school that has not completed its allotted time of service. It is still in operation. We were agreeably surprised at the great change which their temple of science had undergone since last visited by us. The citizens of this district deserve much credit, especially in times like the present, for the generous expenditures they have made, in renovating and repairing their school house. The teacher was faithful in the performance of duty, and her pupils acquitted themselves very well in their literary labors.

DISTRICT No. 7. (*East Wakefield.*)

Summer School. Eliza J. Jenness, teacher. Length, 6 weeks; whole number scholars, 22; average attendance, 18; amount of absence, 18 per cent.; number visits of citizens, 4; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, 2, namely,—Isetta Stevens, Frank Howell. We found the intellectual condition of this educational institution in very satisfactory condition. We generally do. We missed some of the old familiar faces from the school room, that have been

identified with its history so long, and which are now gracing other scenes and other places. In parting with them the school may have parted with some of its charms, but its attractions are still many and pleasing. The teacher is young and inexperienced in the arts of the pedagogue, but she managed the business with ability and generally gave satisfaction. Her register was neat and correct.

Winter School. Emily F. Lord, teacher. Length, 8 weeks ; whole number scholars, 26 ; average attendance, 21 ; amount of absence, 29 per cent. ; number visits of citizens, 8 ; of prudential committee, none ; perfect in regularity, 4, namely, Sarah Howell, Frank Howell, George Tucker, Charles Tucker. We found the school in the same flourishing condition as in the summer, only a little more so. The teacher highly commends the pleasing interest manifested in their studies by her pupils, and the satisfactory progress made by most of them. The register was accurately kept.

DISTRICT No. 8. (*Scribner.*)

Summer School. Dora L. Hurd, teacher. Length, 6 weeks ; whole number scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 15 ; amount of absence, 12 per cent. ; No. visits of citizens, 4 ; of prudential committee, 1 ; No. perfect in regularity, 6, namely,—Lucy A. Hill, Leonora A. Burley, Etta W. Hill, Hattie Burley, Etta Murray, and Charles H. Dearborn. We found here the same teacher that we found a year before, the same quiet school, and mostly the same scholars ; nothing seemed materially changed. The children had gained in size and something in knowledge ; the teacher, in practice and experience. She discharged her duties more readily and acceptably to the committee, and perhaps to the community. Her register was not in a very good condition.

Winter School. Mary A. Ricker, teacher. Length 10 week ; whole number scholars, 20 ; average attendance, 15 ; amount of absence, 25 per cent. ; number visits of citizens, 7 ; of prudential committee, 1 ; number perfect in regularity, 4, namely,—Orlando H. Burley, Charles H. Dearborn, Augustus W. Dearborn, Leonora A. Burley. The young lady who presided over the workings of this school, is emphatically a *live teacher*.—Though young in years and in the practice of the school

room, she shows an energy and decision in the dispatch of business, equal to any emergency. Her administration gave no dissatisfaction to any, unless to those of her pupils who found out by experience that the way of the transgressor is hard. We regret that we were unable to visit the school at its close, as good results might naturally be expected. The register was all correct.

DISTRICT No. 9. (Union.)

Summer School. Susan M. Stevens, teacher. Length 10 weeks; whole number scholars, 59; average attendance, 50; amount of absence, $15\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.; number visits of citizens, 17; number visits prudential committee, 1; number perfect in regularity, 8, namely—Clarence Junkins, Fernando Moulton, Ellen F. Brown, Georgianna Moulton, Harriette M. Stevens, Ida E. Sanborn, Laura Cate, Margarette Conoly. This teacher has been accredited a successful instructress of the young, and has generally satisfied the community where she has labored. Her greatest defect consists perhaps in being more *theoretical* than *practical*, teaching her pupils to repeat the words and text of their school books rather than to understand the principles.

Winter School. Geo. H. Gage, teacher. Length, 7 weeks; whole number scholars, 64; average attendance, 49; amount of absence, $44\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; number visits of citizens, 2; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, 5, namely—Victorine T. Wentworth, Ellen Conoly, Fred E. Stevens, Fred Edgerly, Timothy Conoly. This school continued about the usual time, and accomplished about the usual results—some satisfaction, but more dissatisfaction. In these respects it was similar to the schools of some previous winters; in some others it differs. It can boast of the greatest irregularity of attendance, the greatest number of absentees, and the greatest amount of absence. When the tardy record comes to be reckoned into the account, fully one half of the time devoted to school purposes the present winter will have been lost to the children of this place. The fact is indisputable, that the teacher commenced his labors in the face of prejudices, which complete success would not entirely overcome. When people are disposed or determined to be dissatisfied,

circumstances are never wanting to contribute to the result. Perhaps the prevalent illness of the present season may have contributed to the irregularity of the school to some extent, but not to the extent of $44\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Possibly some in this district may prefer their children to roam idly round the streets, and occasionally frequent haunts of dissipation, than attend to the requirements of even a poor school; but we differ from them in this: we hold that something of good may be acquired from every teacher, and some educational progress made in every school. The register was inaccurate in some respects.

DISTRICT No. 10. (*Lang.*)

Summer School. Priscilla D. Cotton, teacher. Length 7 weeks; whole number scholars, 15; average attendance, 13; amount of absence, $13\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; number of visits of citizens, 7; of prudential committee, none; number of perfect regularity, 6,—Horace Tuttle, John Weeks, Ellen J. Clark, Abby F. & Dan'l M. Tuttle, Nathan Weeks, Fred M. Wentworth. The teacher was earnest and energetic in discharging her duties and gave good satisfaction. Her school appeared well.

Winter School. Lydia J. Weeks, teacher. Length, $6\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; whole number scholars, 16; average attendance, 14; amount of absence, 13 per cent.; number visits of citizens, 9; of prudential committee, 1; number perfect in regularity, 4,—Abbie F. Tuttle, Daniel M. Tuttle, Nathan Weeks, Fred M. Wentworth. This school was slightly increased in number from the summer, but was still small, quiet and orderly. The readiness of most pupils in the explanation, showed that their teacher had required them to thoroughly review the studies they had pursued during the term. The register was in good order.

DISTRICT No. 11. (*Woodman.*)

Summer School. Mary L. Dunnells, teacher. Length $5\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; whole number scholars, 20; average attendance, 17; amount of absence, 15 per cent.; number visits of citizens, 7; prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, 4, namely —Zelia H. Archibald, Hattie I. Campernell, Lizzie Reed, Charles D. Waldron.

Winter School. Same teacher. Length, 5 weeks; whole number scholars, 17; average attendance, 16; amount of absence, 6 per cent.; number visits of citizens, 14; of prudential committee, none; number perfect in regularity, 6, namely—Jane E. Woodman, Amanda L. Waldron, Zelia H. Archibald, Lizzie Reed, Reuben B. Archibald, Charles D. Waldron.

The scholars are young and not far advanced on the road to knowledge as yet, but they are making some progress each term in scholarly lore. The teacher the past year did well for the educational wants of the district, and the citizens awarded her the praise of it. The register was neatly and nicely made out.

Whole number of scholars attending Summer Schools, 278; average attendance, 242. Whole number of scholars attending Winter Schools, 280; average attendance, 227. Whole number of different scholars in town, 357. Average length of summer schools, 7 weeks; average length of winter schools 8 weeks. Average time devoted to school purposes, 15 weeks. Amount of absence in all the districts in summer, $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; in winter, 19 per cent. Average amount of absence during the year, $8\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Total amount of appropriations, \$779 18; appropriated per scholar, \$2 18.

We continue to publish these statistics so that it may be seen how much difference there is from year to year. By comparing the past with the year before it will be seen that the appropriations are slightly larger and the number of scholars have somewhat diminished, while but few districts have increased the amount of absence. The whole amount has decreased from $33\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to $18\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. This is a gratifying secret to the friends of education for the present, and we hail it as an encouraging omen for the future.

The irregular attendance at schools, though much diminished from last year, is still too large. The remissness of parents in suffering their children to absent themselves from school duties is incomprehensible. Many who exercise paternal authority in the minor concerns of life, permit their children to manage their school affairs to suit themselves. Children are as little liable to consult their interest in these things, as in those pertaining to their education. We have never engaged

in the examination of a single school without being sensibly impressed with the opportunities it offers for free education ; also, with its many defects and deficiencies. We have had an ever-deepening conviction, how little in reality is accomplished by our youth while obtaining an education, in comparison to what might be. But few studies, comparatively, are pursued, and the elementary principles of even these few are poorly understood. Time enough is devoted by every youth in every district, if rightly applied, to obtain an education adapted to every useful want in life. Many circumstances tend to produce this morbid condition of our school system, but foremost among others may be mentioned irregular attendance. It not only occasions a great loss of time in itself, but breaks up all regular progress in scholastic pursuits, and diminishes or destroys that interest so necessary to successful mental accomplishment. The ignorance of teachers in the best methods of imparting knowledge, is another stumbling block in the way of intellectual advancement. Teaching is a profession by itself, and needs its particular qualifications, as much as law, or medicine, or divinity. Our teachers as a class, are mostly young, with only such intellectual furnishings as the district school, and perhaps a short sojourn at some country academy may afford ; barely sufficient to satisfy the eye of law, without any idea or knowledge of the art they are to practice, except that derived from poorly conducted schools that they themselves have attended. They are consequently poorly fitted to discharge the duties of their mission successfully or satisfactorily. They only adopt the business for a temporary or pecuniary purpose, and therefore feel but little interest in their work, or in their pupils' welfare. They teach their scholars, to rely upon others rather than upon themselves ; prompt whenever they fail, and sometimes before, and require a parrot-like repetition of the rules and definitions of text-books, rather than a clear understanding of principles and reasons.

The apathy and indifference of some in school concerns, has a depressing effect upon the light of science ; but the active interference of others, is worse still. Some parents, upon the slightest pretexts of dissatisfaction, are never satisfied unless they can disturb or destroy the useful operations of their schools. These are generally of that class who derive the most advantage from our system of free instruction, yet contribute the

least support. There are those in nearly every district who educate large families upon the appropriations which only a poll tax affords, yet expect the management of school concerns to be in accordance with their views and wishes. Were it not for greater wisdom than they display, their children would grow up in helpless, hopeless ignorance, or be educated only in that knowledge which leads to the work-house or the gallows. Such, too often, instead of improving such inestimable advantages, contrive to render them useless to themselves and of little benefit to others.

There is a system of favoritism often practiced by Prudential Committees and those of influence, that is opposed to educational prosperity. Some relative or favored friend must be rewarded with a teacher's situation, however unfit for the position or unacceptable to other members of a district. The election of Prudential committees is often conducted with reference to this very result, and the teacher is selected long before the committee is installed in office. Often as active a canvass takes place in district, as in town elections. I have often, in virtue of my office as Supervisor of Schools, recommended to the consideration of committees, the employment of well-proved teachers, but have generally found the choice made before their own election to office. It has been proposed by the friends of education, to confer the duty of selecting and employing teachers upon the Supervisors of instruction; but it would be hardly just to increase their labors and responsibilities, without a corresponding increase of compensation. It would undoubtedly be safer in their hands, than where it is. But the Superintending committee fail as often in their calling as the Prudential in theirs. The inadequate compensation that this functionary usually receives for his services, especially in times like the present, precludes the practicability of a too great expenditure of time in the discharge of his duties, especially in visiting and examining schools. These visits and examinations tax his time the most, and consequently are apt to be the most neglected. They are often made mere idle forms and ceremonies to be gone through with, rather than of real advantage to the schools. The action and suggestions of a faithful and efficient Supervisor, if rightly appreciated and carried out, may be of great practical utility to a teacher and the pupils.

In view of these and other defects common to our schools, it may be naturally asked, how and where shall we attempt to remedy. We cannot claim for them at the present time larger appropriations and longer terms of service ; but we do claim that all citizens " and the rest of mankind " awake from the stupor that seems to enshroud them, and lend their time and influence to promote that object, which of all others, privately, most concerns their individual prosperity ; and publicly, the future welfare of the Republic. First, then, let us take an interest in the educational condition of our community. No matter whether we feel it or not, the feeling will come with the effort. Let us not send our children abroad for a better education in common things, but patronize home institutions as far as it can be done ; it is favoring the introduction of foreign luxuries to the exclusion of home products, and is opposed to the spirit of this democratic age. Besides it has a depressing influence on the rest, to remove scholars from our common schools as soon as they have acquired a degree of intellectual superiority. In the second place, let us employ teachers better fitted for their profession by higher literary qualifications, by experience and by a more practical knowledge of the art they are to practice. Let us sustain and encourage them in their work, by our influence and advice ; by frequent visits to the school room ; by enjoining respect and obedience in their pupils ; by never complaining in our children's presence of the shortcomings of their teachers, nor by ever suffering our children to make the same complaints in presence of ourselves. Let us remember that insubordination at school is generally the result of insubordination at home, and that the restraining influence of parental authority is no less necessary over the successful workings of the school room, than in the home circle. And above all let us have our children constant in their places, and punctual to the requirement of every school duty. And lastly let us remember that wisdom and virtue are the true pioneers of civilization, and that the condition of society is never stationary. Let us realize that intellectually and morally, we are advancing or receding. We are growing in virtue and wisdom, or we are growing in vice. What may be the mental and moral condition of those who are soon to take our places on the stage of active life, it is in our power to determine. The responsibility is upon us,

and we can neither shirk it nor shift it, try we ever so hard. It is ours to determine whether we build churches and school houses, or jails and gibbets.

In conclusion, the Committee would remark that he has visited all the schools once, and oftener when he deemed it necessary; has made such suggestions to the teachers and scholars as he thought conducive to their interests, and finally has presented in the foregoing expositions the operations and results of our different district establishments of learning. If any feel aggrieved by any criticisms he has made, it is contrary to his purpose or wish; his only object is to remedy existing faults. This must be his apology. With the hope that his citizens are satisfied, he submits the foregoing as his report.

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Wakefield, Feb. 20, 1865.

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